

Signposts

Punting pointers for today's British action Page 1

Hot trainers

▶▶ TRAINERS with best wins-runs % from at least two wins in last 14 days, Flat & Jumps

Paul Morgan	2 -3	67 %
Tom Lacey	3 -7	43%
Dr Richard Newland	3 -7	43%
Paul Nicholls	13 -40	33%
Ben Pauling	8 -24	33%
Tom George	6 -20	30%
James Given	2 -7	29%
Brian Ellison	5 -19	26%
Fergal O'Brien	5 -20	25%

Cold trainers

>> TRAINERS with most runs since last win, Flat & Jumps; X=Never trained a winner in GB, Ireland or European Group race; 1st=first runner in GB; excludes those with at least 25% placed runners in past 14 days

. Sińce a win:	DAYS	RUNS
Kenny Johnson	231	65
Ann Stokell	259	48
John Balding	240	46
Patrick Morris	317	40
Suzzanne France	390	30
James Evans	164	27
Richard Price	135	27
George Baker	56	26
Robin Dickin	40	26
Michael Mullineaux	78	25

Course trainers

▶▶ TRAINERS with best wins-runs % from at

least three course wins		
James FanshaweNewc	6 -17	35%
Tony CarrollNewc	3 -10	30%
Saeed Bin Suroor Newc	5 -17	29%
Rebecca CurtisFfos	49 -175	28%
James BethellNewc	7 -25	28%
Warren GreatrexFfos	9 -35	26%
Philip HobbsLudl	25 -99	25%
Nicky HendersonLudl	21 -84	25%
Paul MorganFfos	5 -20	25%
Tom GeorgeLudl	15 -66	23%
Neil MulhollandLudl	7 -30	23%
Sophie LeechFfos	8 -37	22%
Harry FryLudl	4 -18	22%
Nigel Twiston-Davies Ffos	31 -148	21%
Dan SkeltonLudl	11 -53	21%
Kim BaileyFfos	6 -29	21%
Nick WilliamsFfos	5 -24	21%
Jonjo O'NeillFfos	24 -122	20%
Paul NichollsLudl	6 -30	20%
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Trainers off course

▶ Trainers with most course losers since last win (today's code)

X=no course winner (since 1 J	an 198	39)
Since a win:		
Keith DalgleishNewc	74	46
Donald McCainLudl	1028	42
John O'SheaLudl	1827	36
Tracy WaggottNewc	Х	31

Tracking trainers

- TRAINERS with first course runner in more than two years, showing years since previous
- >> Confined to trainers with course winner or having first course runner
- >> Course wins-runs record is from Jan 1, 1988 Jim WilsonLudl 1-43 2% 7.0 Gary HanmerLudl D McNamaraLudl

Class of 5-30

>> Trainers with best winners-horses % under
all codes in the past 12 months.
Restricted to trainers with between 5 and 30

individual runners. Total wins in brackets.

Kristin Stubbs (18)9-18 50%

Karen McLintock (16)8-16 50% Karen Tutty (9)7-14 John Flint (21)11-24 46%

Ron Barr (6)**4**-9 44% **Paul Morgan** (10)**9**-21 43%

Class of 31-60 ▶▶ Trainers with best winners-horses % under all codes in the past 12 months.

SIGNPOST SWEETSPOTS

Roy looks set to increase his legacy at Newcastle

>> James Fanshawe has a 35 per cent strike-rate (six from 17) when he sends his runners to Newcastle. He can enhance his record there with Star Storm in the 2.00 and Singapore Sling an hour later.

▶Roy's Legacy's latest effort at Wolverhampton was his best for some time and he is worth supporting to get back to winning ways in the 5.00 at Newcastle. The seven-yearold is 7lb lower than his last win which came at today's

Noche de Reyes looks set for ideal conditions in the 1.35 at Ludlow. The seven-year-old is three from seven at the venue, all over today's distance on good ground. He was below par there last time but it would have been softer than ideal so it's best to forgive that run.

Restricted to trainers with be 60 individual runners. Total wir		
Dr Richard Newland (40)		60%
Richard Guest (40)		58%
Alistair Whillans (31)	. 18 -37	49%
Peter Bowen (41)	. 28 -58	48%
Tom Lacey (23)		47%
Ben Pauling (36)	. 27 -59	46%
Anthony Honeyball (27)	. 19 -43	44%
Charlie Mann (31)		44%
Emma Lavelle (26)	. 22 -52	42%
Ed de Giles (30)	. 14 -33	42%
Paul Midgley (29)	. 16 -39	41%
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Trainer trace

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▶ HORSES having first run for new train	er
Bise d'EstruvalFfos	1.20
G Macaire→Nigel Twiston-Davies	
MartabotFfos	1.50
J Boisnard→David Pipe	
Walden PrinceFfos	2.20
David Bridgwater→Sophie Leech	
The HorsechesnutFfos	2.50
David M O'Brien→Jennie Candlish	
BallybrowneybridgeLudl	2.10
Sam Thomas→Venetia Williams	
Gone Too FarLudl	2.40
Alan King→David Pipe	
Blue CometLudl	3.40
Richard Phillips→Fergal O'Brien	
Snow RescueLudl	3.40
Seamus Durack→Tom Gretton	
Gang WarfareNewc	2.00
Simon Crisford→Jamie Osborne	
RollerNewc	3.00
P Bary→Michael Easterby	
LetbygonesbeiconsNewc	3.30
Ann Duffield→John Balding	
Life Of FameNewc	4.00
David O'Meara→Mark Walford	

Training debutants

▶ WINS-RUNS course record of trainer's debutants in 2yo, 3yo or NH Flat race (ignores runners with PTP form)

Nicky Henderson		
NHF Ludl	5 -13	38%
all NHF debutants 43-161 27%		
Evan WilliamsNHF Ludl	3 -13	23%
all NHF debutants 12-60 20%		
Dan SkeltonNHF Ludl	0 -5	0%
all NHF debutants 10-86 12%		
Claire DysonNHF Ludl	0 -1	0%
all NHF debutants 0 -13 0%		
Richard PriceNHF Ludl	0 -1	0%
all NHF debutants 0 -8 0%		
Steve FlookNHF Ludl	0 -1	0%
all NHF debutants 0 -5 0%		
Karen McLintock		
3yo Newc	0 -0	0%

all 3vo debutants 0-1 0%

Trainers & jockeys

▶ TRAINER-JOCKEY combinations with best % from at least three course wins

Warren Greatrex-Gavin SheehanFfos 29%

all Ffos; trainer 26%; jockey 15%
Rebecca Curtis-Tom Scudamore all Ffos; trainer 27%; jockey 21%

Philip Hobbs-Richard Johnson Ludl 26% all Ludl; trainer 25%; jockey 20% Richard Guest-Connor Beasley ...

.....Newc **25%** all Newc; trainer 15%; jockey 8% Allan King-Wayne Hutchinson Ludi 25% all Ludi; trainer 18%; jockey 17% Fergal O'Brien-Paddy Brennan ...

all Ludi; trainer 13%; jockey 24%
David Pipe-Tom Scudamore .Ffos 24%
all Ffos; trainer 16%; jockey 21%
Dan Skelton-Harry Skelton ..Ludl 24%
all Ludi; trainer 21%; jockey 20%
Kim Bailey-David BassLudl 22%
all Ludi; trainer 13%; jockey 20%Ludl 24%

Hot jockeys

>> JOCKEYS with best wins-rides % from at least three wins in last 14 days, Flat & jumps

6 -20	30%
7 -24	29%
6 -22	27%
11 -43	26%
5 -22	23%
4 -18	22%
4 -18	22%
3 -14	21%
	6 -20 7 -24 6 -22 11 -43 5 -22 4 -18 4 -18

Cold jockeys

>> JOCKEYS with most losers since last win, Flat & jumps; X=Never ridden a winner in GB or Ireland; 1st=first ride in GB; excludes those with at least 25% placed runners in past 14 days Since a win: DAYS RIDES

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James Davies	Ludl	52	68
Chris Ward	Ludl	534	59
Ann Stokell	Newc	259	44
Conor Ring	Ffos	143	43
Miss P Fuller	Ludl	211	28
Charlie Poste	Ffos	40	27

Course jockeys

▶▶ JOCKEYS with best wins-rides % from at least three course wins

Davy RussellFfos	3 -9	33%
George Downing Newc	4 -14	29%
Tom QueallyNewc	4 -14	29%

Mr Alex EdwardsLudl Jeremiah McGrathLudl Paddy BrennanLudl Tom ScudamoreFfos Sean BowenFfos Richard JohnsonLudl Harry SkeltonLudl David BassLudl	3 -12 21 -88 25 -119 17 -81 31 -154 11 -55	25% 24% 21% 21% 20% 20%
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Jockeys off course

> Jockeys with most course losers since last win

X=never ridden course winner	D 43/0	DIDEO
Since a win:	DAYS	KIDES
Dougie CostelloNewc		
Dale SwiftNewc	Х	41
Andrew MullenNewc	117	37
Phil DennisNewc	Х	30

One-trick jockeys

▶ JOCKEYS (excl amateurs, apprentices & conditionals) with one ride at a meeting

Rhys Flint Ayla's Emperor	rtos	1.20
James BestWalden Prince	Ffos	2.20
Charlie Poste Rock On Rocky	Ffos	2.20
Sean Quinlan		
The Horsechesnut	Ffos	2.50
James Davies		

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Yorgonnahearmeroar	Ludl12.35
Niall P Madden Le Coeur Net	Ludl12.35
lack Quinlan Whispering Nick	Ludl12.35
Andrew Tinkler Seymour Star	Ludl12.35
Kielan Woods .Crack Du Tay	Ludl12.35
Leighton Aspell	

Hitherjacques Lady	Ludl	2.10
Robert Dunne		
Ballybrowneybridge	Ludl	2.10
Wayne Hutchinson Tara View	Ludl	2.10
Jake Greenall		
Go West Young Man	Ludl	2.40

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Liam HeardSidsteel	Ludl	3.40
Chris Ward .Celestial Chimes	Ludl	3.40
Jack Mitchell Steve Rogers	Newc	2.00
Sam JamesBest Trip	Newc	3.30
David Nolan		
Hold On Magnolia	Newc	4 00

Newc	4.00
Newc	5.00
Newc	5.00
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Ann StokellArctic Lynx Newc 5.00 Dale SwiftWindforpower Newc 5.00

Owning up

WINNING owner having first runner with today's trainer (min 20 wins trained in last 12

Zamdy ManLudl	1.05
John P McManus / Venetia Williams	
Blue CometLudl	3.40
Mrs June Watts / Fernal O'Rrien	

First-time blinkers

>> Horses wearing blinkers, hood or visor for the

Trainer's wins-runs record with 1st-time blinkers/hood/visor is compared with trainer's strike rate with all runners

>> Current and previous year, any code

Cottersrock (b)Ludl	1.05
Martin Keighley 1-5 20%; all 11%	
Gone Too Far (b)Ludl	2.40
David Pipe 9-57 16%; all 15%	
Life Of Fame (b)Newc	4.00
Mark Walford 0-5 0%; all 10%	

Tongue-tied

▶▶ HORSES wearing tongue strap for the first

Trainer's wins-runs record with 1st-time tongue strap is compared with trainer's strike rate with all runners

Current and previous year, any code Way Up HighLudl 3.40 Steve Flook 0-7 0%; all 4%

Cheekpieces

▶ HORSES wearing cheekpieces for the first



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cheekpieces is compared with trainer's strike
rate with all runners
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Current and previous year, any	code	
Looks Like Power	Ffos	3.20
Debra Hamer 1-5 20%; all 13%		
Whispering Nick	Ludl1	2.35
Robin Dickin 2-6 33%; all 7%		

Money talks

►► HORSES whose odds shortened by more than
50% on last outing; W=won, L=lost
>> Showing trainer's wins-runs record with next
outing of winning & losing gambles
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Colin's BrotherLudl	1.35
Bang, 26.11.16: op 9/4 tchd Evens .11/1	0F W
Nigel Twiston-Davies W 0 -0 0%; L 0 -6 0	%

Travellers' check

- ▶▶ Today's farthest travellers (top 10 & ties; minimum distance 200 miles).
- ▶ Trainer's wins-runs record with horses travelling at least this far in GB is compared with overall GB strike rate since Jan 1, 1996

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Court ChallengeFfos	1.20	IRI
Shane Crawley all GB 2-8 25%		
Apache OutlawLudl	3.10	IRI
John Joseph Hanlon all GB 43-397	11%	
Time And TimesLudl	3.40	IRI
D McNamara all GB 2-10 20%		
Guard Of HonourNewc	2.00	290
George Baker 4-30 13%; all 12%		
First MohicanNewc	2.00	286
Alan King 13-129 10%; all 16%		
Gang WarfareNewc	2.00	283
Jamie Osborne 4-50 8%; all 12%		
WordinessNewc	2.30	261
David Evans 25-410 6%; all 10%		
Gracious JohnNewc	4.30	261
David Evans 25-410 6%; all 10%	1.50	
Encore d'OrNewc	4.30	247
	4.50	24/
Robert Cowell 13-96 14%; all 9%	4 20	24-
Huntsmans CloseNewc	4.30	24
Robert Cowell 13-96 14%: all 9%		

Trying a trip

▶ HORSES who have run at least once this season and now race over 2f+ (4f+ jumps) more than before

ElopedLudl	2.10	+5f
SauvignonLudl	2.10	+5f
Following MamaLudl	2.10	+5f
Jaunty ClementineLudl	2.10	+5f
Star StormNewc	2.00	+4f
Tara ViewLudl	2.10	+4f
Midnight GloryLudl	2.10	+4f
Outrageous Romana Ludl	2.10	+4f
Hitherjacques LadyLudl	2.10	+4f

Handicap debut

HORSES running in a British handicap for the first time under today's code/obstacles Showing trainer's win-run record with handicap debutants (in last 12 months)

Maximum 2 qualifiers in same race	
Bise d'EstruvalFfos	1.20
Nigel Twiston-Davies 6-30 20%; -£0.13	
SingininthevalleysFfos	1.20
James Evans 0 -3 0%; -£3.00	
Ambian Lana Ffor	2.50

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James Evans 0 -3 0%; -£3.00	
Ambion LaneFfos	2.50
Victor Dartnall 0-0 0%; £0.00	
The HorsechesnutFfos	2.50
Jennie Candlish 0-6 0%; -£6.00	
Steel NativeFfos	3.20
David Rees 0-1 0%: -£1.00	
Andys GirlNewc	3.30
Brian Ellison 2 -17 12%; +£13.00	

Horses for courses

- ▶ HORSES with at least three course wins (today's code/surface), followed by total course
- ▶▶ Course/distance wins are shown in

Noche de ReyesLudl 1.35 (3) 3-7

Best of rivalries

- ▶▶ Head-to-head record of horses who have run against one another three or more times in the past two years.

 First figure is number of times horse has

beaten rival; bracketed figure is number of race

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1.35 Ludlow

Festive Affair 2 (0) v 1 (0) Noche de Reyes
1.30 Newcastle (A.W)

Fort Bastion 4 (0) v 3 (0) Two For Two
2.30 Newcastle (A.W)

Henpecked 2 (0) v 1 (0) Maulesden May

Top Boy 4 (1) v 1 (0) Maulesden

1.30 Newcastle (A.W)

Top Boy 4 (1) v 2 (1) Dynamo Walt

Distant Past 2 (1) v 1 (0) Top Boy

5.00 Newcastle (A.W)

Roy's Legacy 3 (1) v 0 (0) Novabridge Windforpower 3 (0) v 1 (0) A J Cook Windforpower 3 (0) v 0 (0) Lady Joanna Vassa Windforpower 2 (1) v 1 (1) Roy's Legacy Very First Blade 2 (1) v 1 (0) A J Cook Very First Blade 2 (1) v 1 (0) Fuel Injection

Bad turn

- ►► HORSES whose best RPR racing the same way round as today (no wins) is 10lb+ below
- today's card RPR
 Minimum 3 runs each on LH & RH tracks **Colin's Brother** (4/1)Ludl 1.35 RH *LH w-r:* **2**-11 RPR 131; RH **0**-4 RPR 117

Anything to report

▶► HORSES whose last outing has official explanation from connections. See form for

At First Light	Ffos	1.20
Robinshill		
Zephyros Bleu		
River Wylde	Ludl1	12.35
Uncle Percy		
Cernunnos		
Pike Corner Cross	Newc	1.30
Oriental Fox		
Maulesden May	Newc	2.30
Bay Mirage	Newc	4.00
Le Manege Enchante	Newc	4.00
Huntsmans Close	Newc	4.30

Repeat performance

▶► HORSES who ran in same race in previous

Gardefort	Ludl 1.35
14: 1 of 8 , OR124, 11/4F	
Gallery Exhibition	Ludl 2.40
	David Bass
Goal	Ludl 3.10
15: 4 of 14, btn 20l, OR105,	8/1

Brodie Hampson

Week link

▶▶ HORSES with 2+ wins in this period (7 days before & after today) in previous seasons, showing form figures that preceded the most

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522 Fox AppealLudl	2.40
2m 2f 175y Asct 20.12.13; 3m Tntn	

Seven-day winners

▶► TRAINER'S wins-runs record with horses reappearing within 7 days of a win, compared with next-time-out record for all winners

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Go George GoNewc	2.30
won Newcastle (A.W), Thursday	
Alan Swinbank 11-50 22%; all 14%	

Fresh start

- ▶▶ SHOWING days since last run of horses off the track for 180+ days, who have won previously after such an absence.

 Data is current plus last four years, any
- code, incl PTP

Zamdy ManLudl	1.05 235
2.11.13 won after 212 days off	
Kilcrea ValeLudl	1.05 242
15.1.15 won after 242 days off	
Baltimore RockLudl	1.35 237
29.12.15 won after 262 days off	

Following favourites

▶▶ RACES that show a profit for favourites Ludl H'cap Chses +18.43 Ludl Non-H'cap Chses +12.12

Newc 3yo+ Non-H'caps	+7.25
Ffos Non-H'cap Hdles	+2.92
Ludl NH Flat	+1.99

Dropping down

▶► HORSES racing off lower official handicap rating than they have won off on today's code/obstacles/surface in last year

code, obstacies, surrace in last year	
Roy's LegacyNewc 5.00 w62	-7
GoalLudl 3.10 w98	-5
Very First BladeNewc 5.00 w55	-4
Astigos Ffos 2.20 w120	-3

Ahead of handicapper

▶ HORSES raised for future handicaps and potentially well handicapped today

Pike Corner CrossNewc 1.30 +2

RPR improvers

- ▶► HANDICAPPERS with improved RPR since weights were published, showing pre- and post-race RPR. Improvement figure reduced by
- any increase of official rating (OR).

 Bearly-closing handicaps may have additional qualifiers; excludes runs vesterday

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Unnoticed (OR62)	Newc	3.30
2nd, Sthl, Tue, Dec 13 (OR62)	68→70	+2

Postmark pick

▶▶ RP RATING's most clear in handicaps				
Goal	Ludl	3.10	3	

Most popular nap

- ▶▶ MOST popular tip in Racing Post/Coral Naps
- Data excludes yesterday's results

Baltimore RockLudl 1.35 **4** From Jan 1: W 185; L 390; £1 bet -70.13

Tipsters in form

▶ TIPSTERS with 2+ consecutive winners in our Racing Post/Coral Naps Competition, showing winning sequence in brackets and today's nap: Wise Owl (6)Andys Girl Newc 3.30
Patrick Weaver (5) Henpecked Newc 2.30 Garry Owen (3)

Chris Goulding (2)	2.50
Zamdy Man Ludl	1.05
Melissa Jones (2)	1.35
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Tipsters' trainers

TIPSTERS in our Racing Post/Coral Naps Competition who are showing a profit from at least two wins from stable of today's nap (current & previous year)

Melissa Jones Colin's Brother Ludl	1.35
Nigel Twiston-Davies 9-22 +£6.08 West Country Baltimore Rock Ludl	1 25
Neil Mulholland 16-35 +£10.95	1.55
The DukeBaltimore Rock Ludl	1.35
Neil Mulholland 4-8 +£0.12	
Karl Hedley Festive Affair Ludl	1.35
Jonjo O'Neill 4-12 +£15.25	
Kevin Richardson	

......Steve Rogers Newc 2.00 Roger Varian 4-9 +£1.58